

## TEMPTATION



# AVID enthusiasm

### **Avid Acutus turntable**

**£5000 (excluding arm and cartridge)**

DJs of the past used to refer to their turntables as 'wheels of steel', a rather grand description for the kind of gear that tended to bounce around in the back of your average Dave Doubledecks' Ford Transit. But if ever a turntable is worthy of that expression, then it's the Avid Acutus.

Looking for all the world like a cross between a long lost prop from the *Power Rangers* set and some baffling work of modern art, the Acutus is a triumph of disc-spinning styling.

But this deck doesn't fall into the 'all show, no go' category. Far too much careful design and innovative engineering has gone into the Acutus for that. Examples of Avid's art include the beautifully machined platter, which alone weighs in at 10kg. And when it comes to slipmats, well, you can keep your rubber and felt varieties, this gleaming titan settles for nothing less than a special bonded resin for optimum vinyl support.

Once matched with SME's V arm and van den Hul's MC One Special cartridge, this steel wheel cruises effortlessly through everything from jazz to rock, bringing music to life in a thrilling manner.

Sonic pictures have immense solidity, detail retrieval is exemplary, and dynamics and punch are huge.

For those with healthy wallets and a love of the old black grooved stuff, the Acutus offers a ride to remember.







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